

## Roll Call:

Bill North – Present

Dustin Puckett – Present

James Schroeder – Present

Angela Lyons- Present

Anna Turner – Present

Peggy Vance - Present

Council reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes was made by James Schroeder. Peggy Vance seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Council reviewed the bills to be paid for May and the bank reconciliations for April 2022. Questions from Angela Lyons why was the amount so high for Dylan Doss this month. It was discussed that he has two different contracts for mowing town and mowing the cemetery. This month we paid him for cleaning up 122 Winchester Street. James Schroeder said that needs to be separated on the bills where it is easier to read. Angela Lyons also had a question on paying Karen Miller for a post office key. It was explained by Mayor Townes that Karen only had one key and she had to get another key if we hire a Utility clerk because they would both need a key. *Motion to pay the bills was made by James Schroeder. Dusty Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

**Audience**

- Jim Townes Zoning Administrator talked to a couple of Investors this month. He talked to the person that is buying the family dollar. Family Dollar and Dollar Tree are combined and he is going to expand the Family Dollar 30 feet when he closes on the property and put both stores under one roof. After he closes, he will be coming to town and meeting with Jim. US Bank sold to an investor they are planning to make high end apartment out of the apartments on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The ATM machine will stay there and he is considering a laundry mat on the first floor. Jim is supposed to meet with him this week.
- Adams County Regional Medical Center will be serving the residents of Brown County. In the old hospice building in Mt. Orab. They have over half of the building. For the month of June, they are offering reduced cost on labs. They provide Primary Care or Acute Care and you don't need an appointment you can walk right in. They also will be doing DOT Physicals these are hard to get. You can get your labs there and they will send to your doctor or to your home. Hours will be 7-7:30 Monday thru Friday and 9 to 1 on Saturdays. They gave flyers to the council members.

**Police Department:**

- Tickets written for the April 21 court date totaled 22, 20 of those were written on SR 32. 6 reports were taken. 1 crash report was taken.
- James Schroeder brought up Big ATV's. He stated that it was his understanding that they can be on the road and be a legal vehicle on the road. Chief Jim Lewis said that they can be licensed and be legal for the road. He didn't mind them it the loud mufflers and he would like to see the police department to use that ordinance and pull people over more for that. Where he lives its bad on Friday and Saturday nights unless there is a police officer sitting near by and he gets to sleep and not be woken up by the loud mufflers. Jim Lewis said he will put out the request to check people with loud mufflers.
- Angela Lyons asked Chief Jim Lewis we have 11 officers, correct? He answered yes. Angela asked do all of them write tickets? Chief said no. Angela Lyons said if they are not writing tickets then what are they doing? Chief Lewis said they are patrolling, doing paperwork and different things. It's a problem here and everywhere about writing tickets. Jim stated that the mayor and himself has also asked them about writing tickets. Some like to write tickets and some don't. Angela asked why we still have them on our roster if they don't write tickets. Jim said because that's 8 hours of shift that we have covered and they don't get paid, if you want to cut the police department in half or three quarters. Jim Schroeder asked Chief Jim Lewis to explain the pay part. Chief Jim Lewis said the only officers that get paid is himself, officer Bohl and officer Peters. The others are all auxiliary and they work two 8 hour shifts a month and in turn we hold their commission thru OPOTA. You cannot put a quota and tell officers to go out and write tickets. If you want to put it out, we want to see more ticket you're going to lose six officers. Jim Schroeder said the idea is to keep their license active and they come in a volunteer their time with their presents and patrolling our community. Chief Jim Lewis said In November was voted to give them a Christmas bonus of \$300.00 and that's what they get for the year. Jim Schroeder says that what people don't understand and we have to do a better job explaining that. Chief Lewis said that in the past we put a notice in the paper for a part time officer and we had two people apply. At the pay scale we are at the bottom. We are fortunate that we have officers coming out and patrolling. There is no schedule they pick days around their full-time jobs. We can't tell them what to work or we wouldn't have them because of the conflicts with their full-time jobs. Samantha was in March and she was the last person we have put on. Officer Dailey is reaching out to academy for after they graduate the academy. They have only a year to get a job and if they don't, they usually go to towns like ours and we hold there OPOTA. James Schroeder asked what our starting pay is. Chief

Lewis said he thinks it is 13.00 an hour. Officer Peters works and he is at the low end and he works two nights a week. Jim Schroeder said that Cincinnati is putting their second class of officers through the academy and this is the first time in like twelve years. He said if they are willing, they can go to Cincinnati and get a job today. Everywhere is hiring for police officers. In Cincinnati you have to take their academy. Solicitor Tom Mays is saying everyone is looking for police officers.

#### **Finance Committee**

- Bill North said that we discussed bringing Chris Bales back to the village and we did at 17.00 an hour. That is good because Rob is off till May 25<sup>th</sup>. At the time we have 2 applicants but we ended up having five or six. He stated that was all we went over in the meeting.

#### **Economic Development Committee**

- Peggy Vance didn't discuss anything pertinent we threw out some ideas and it is a work in progress.

#### **Public Safety Committee**

- Dusty Puckett, we didn't talk about anything.

#### **Public Works Committee**

- Angela Lyons, we talked about the Gantry and Rob Tucker is still working on this and getting prices. We talked about the building for the police cruiser and that was tabled. We also talked about the water situation and lower the gallons there is going to be more of a study on that.

#### **Administrator:**

- Mayor Townes stated Ceiling repairs in the Council chambers they are starting on that tomorrow morning, he wanted to start on it today but Mayor Townes told him today wouldn't be good we have a council meeting tonight. Bill North asked and Mayor Townes told him Waits Contracting is doing it.

#### **Mayor:** Tina Coday Townes

- Crestview Mobile home park, The Fire Department came to her and the road is not wide enough for them to be parking on it. It is a problem for our Public Works employees when doing snow removal, it's a problem for the Fire Department. Would like to make an ordinance where there is no parking on that street. They have drive ways that go in to their houses. Some Gentlemen got hateful with the Fire Department because they were doing their job and was called out there and vulgar with them because he had to leave. Paul Kent one of the owners talked to someone but it wasn't Mayor Townes, he has put no parking signs up there but the police department cannot regulate that until we have an ordinance in town. The town does own the road. It was dedicated to the town after he put it in. Bill North stated that it was a good idea and that Paul put the signs up. Mayor Townes stated that the owner has put regulation signs at his expense. Mayor Townes thinks if we make an ordinance on that street, we should pay Paul Kent back the money because he should not have done that. He talked to someone not her that was given him the wrong information. Bill North says he has put six signs up. James Schroeder asked are the compliant signs? Bill North stated yes. Mayor Townes if we don't make an ordinance, we cannot do anything about it. James Schroeder asked Bill North if he thought we should do no parking and he said yes, they park and residents cannot get out of their driveway. James Schroeder stated he drove through there about 5:15 today and there were three or four cars there and he had to jockey around them. Solicitor Tom Mays is going to bring the ordinance to the next meeting to be voted on. Tom stated we can do a three reading or he can do it as an emergency. Peggy Vance stated that she thinks we should do it as an emergency since Emergency Vehicles are having a hard time. Jim Schroeder asked Tom to do an ordinance to pay Paul Kent back and Tom said we can do that as a motion to pay him back. Anna Turner had a question about sidewalks. She stated there is so many kids that live back there. Mayor Townes stated we cannot make him put sidewalks in. James Schroeder said wasn't part of the design. Mayor Townes said she didn't think so. Anna Turner said I don't think there is any room for a side walk. James Schroeder said it would squeeze the road even more. We need to find the road name out and email it to Tom. Tom stated we would need to give notices for at least 30 to 60 days before writing tickets. Let People know that the law has changed.
- Mayor Townes last year we were trying to get a Nature Works Grant for the park Volley Ball Court, Put another wall for the veterans. Choice One did the grant and they are wanting to do it for free for us this year. She stated we didn't get it because Georgetown got a splash pad. James Schroeder asked if she needed a motion and she said yes. *James Schroeder made motion for Choice One to do the Nature Work Grant for Free. Dusty Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed*
- Angela Lyons brought up the trailer park and it was brought to her attention about a guy that has pallets stacked up. It would be a fire hazard. He is bringing them in and out Mayor Townes said zoning wise we can't do anything if they are moving them in and out. James Schroeder said Yes, we can. You can site them and bring them into Mayor's court. Bill North stated that Paul Kent has talked to them. Jim Townes stated that he gave him some pallets and what he does is restores old skids and sells them. Angela said this is a fire hazard. Jim Townes said he was just stating what he knew that he did with them. James Schroeder said that he has a truck with his name but it's a safety hazard and needs to be

sited. James Schroeder said he can't all of sudden start restoring propane tanks at his house I would blow up the whole town. Peggy Vance stated with them being stacked up is there a height limit that we could get him on. That they could fall over on a child. Tom asked if the Trailer Park has rules and regulations? Angela Lyons said he also has a fire place but now has put a lid over that. Mayor Townes stated the fire department told him he had to have a lid. Tom was looking at pictures of the skids. There is not a specific measurement of the lots. They get a visual half. Tom said he will get with the Zoning Administrator and check into it. He stated the owner needs to do something and that Paul could call him. Bill said he is coming up with some new ones we may have to wait. People are complaining. Chief Lewis asked the mayor if the fire department was called out there for burning in the barrel and she said that is correct. Burning in the barrel is legal as long as it is not too high. Chief Lewis said this is two residents disputing. Chief Lewis is going to get with the Fire Chief on burn rules.

### Council Round Table

- Council Man James Schroeder Nothing
- Council Man Dusty Puckett Nothing
- Council Woman Peggy Vance resident complaint of new water meter reading. She has been charged an extra 100.00 and she is trying to figure out why she should be required to pay. If the meter wasn't working in the first place, how can she be confident that the meter is correct. Mayor Townes stated she had an old meter and it has not been working for many many months and they put a new meter in which is the actual reading. The digital meter is installed and her reading is correct now. Peggy asked if she was told this? It would have showed up on her bill it would have been just a standard rate instead of now usage is on there. James Schroeder asked Peggy to ask her to check her past bills or we could print them out here to show her. She is going to have her ask for a printout because she recently cleaned house and has thrown them away. She wanted to know if there is a way to replace some of our street signs or clean them? Where they are easier to read. They are town signs. Tom asked do you have a list of signs that need to be cleaned? Peggy stated she will work on that. Tom said if we give the list to Mayor and she can give them to the public works to clean the signs. Bill North stated that Mowrystown has some good signs. Chief Lewis said that the car show committee donated money for the signs. Peggy was expecting a delivery and they were lost because of road signs. Off the highway its purdy road and right after the bridge is goes to main street and you can't really see the sign. To her we need to work on. The sign on 32 has to be approved by the state. She wants to add to purdy road sign. If it is on 32 that is an ODOT. We can talk to Representative Mr. Byrd or Representative Mr. Baldrige.
- Council Woman Angela Lyons Nothing
- Council Woman Anna Turner Nothing
- Council Man Bill North Nothing
- Mayor Townes asked to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters as they pertain to 121.22 G1 in the Ohio Revised Code.
  - *Dusty Puckett moved go into Executive Session at 7:52 pm. Angela Lyons seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed*
  - *Dusty Puckett moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Peggy Vance seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Mayor Townes asked if there was any action that needed to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

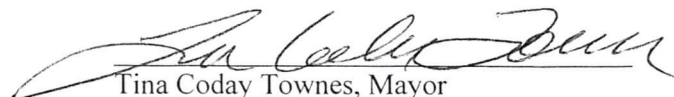
- *Dusty Puckett moved to make an offer of 25.00 an hour for full time utility and fiscal officer to Amber Ackley. Bill North seconded the motion. 5 yeas. 1 no Angela Lyons. Motion passed.*
- *Dusty Puckett moved to put a broader scope on the Part-Time Administrator position. Anna Turner seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.* Tom is going to look into how we can do that. Tom also said there is consultant company that just does administration does not no what the cost would be. Peggy wants to know if its possible to hire consultant company to guide someone. Tom says we would put the perimeter on what we want them to do. There hourly fees will be higher than we normally pay. Tom said he will work with the mayor.

### Council Comments:

- Angela Lyons asked Mayor Townes for her Resignation so they can move the town further than where we are Mayor Townes said she is not going to give her resignation at this time.

*James Schroeder motioned to adjourn. Dusty Puckett Seconded. All Yeas. Motion Passed*

PASSED 6/13/2022

  
Tina Coday Townes, Mayor